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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND
PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER
AFFAIRS
DOCKET NO.

In the Matter of)
GORDON P. DUFOUR, D.M.D.)
Licensed to Practice Dentistry)
in the State of New Jersey)
_____)

Administrative Action
CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry upon receipt of a complaint from the insurance carrier for a patient named Warren K. Trowbridge concerning the billing for medical services which were performed upon the prescription of Dr. Gordon P. Dufour. The Board reviewed the entire record in this matter and acquired further information at an investigative inquiry attended by Dr. Dufour on May 23, 1990. The review of this case raised several serious concerns with the Board including an apparent failure to use a rubber dam during the course of root canal therapy, a failure to properly fill the canals, a failure to refer this patient to an endodontist, and a failure to provide a correct diagnosis to the insurance carrier.

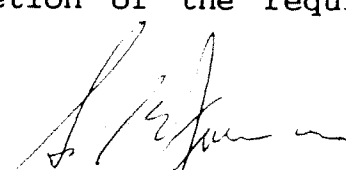
It appearing that the parties wish to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 13th DAY OF June, 1990,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

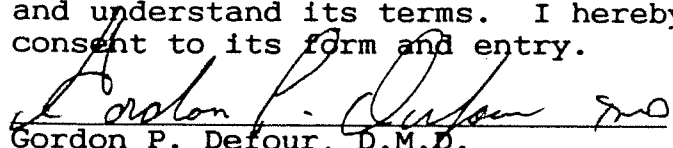
1. Dr. Dufour shall write to Principal Mutual Life Insurance Company, the patient's carrier, for the purpose of advising the company that the correct diagnosis for this patient is periapical abcess and not osteomyelitis. This letter shall be sent to the insurance company by certified mail, return receipt requested, and a copy of the letter and a copy of the signed returned receipt shall be provided to the Board as proof of mailing.

2. Dr. Dufour shall successfully complete twenty (20) hours of continuing education in endodontics. These courses shall be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance and must be completed within six (6) months of the entry date of this Order. Dr. Dufour also shall be required to provide the Board with written proof of successful completion of the required course work.



SAMUEL E. FURMAN, D.D.S.
PRESIDENT
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

I have read the within Consent Order and understand its terms. I hereby consent to its form and entry.



Gordon P. Dufour, D.M.D.

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